

THIEPVAL WON; FRENCH MOVE ON CHAULNES

Giving Germans No Rest After the Fall of Combles, the Anglo-French Forces Are Hurling Their Offensive Ahead With Tremendous Fury

FRENCH CAPTURED FORTIFIED WOOD

In Move on Combles the British Took Between 3,000 and 4,000 Germans—A Great Amount of Booty Was Seized When Combles Was Entered

No rest is being given the Germans by the victorious Franco-British forces on the Somme front. The British capture of the long-resisting Thiepval stronghold, following closely and unexpectedly upon the capture of Combles by the combined allied forces, was itself followed up last night by a new stroke on the part of the French south of the Somme, where they captured a strongly fortified wood. Apparently this new drive is aimed at Chaulnes, which bears to the southern end of the Somme line somewhat the relation that Combes did to the northern sector.

In Macedonia the entente forces apparently are encountering stiffened Bulgarian resistance, but Paris insists that the Serbians are holding fast. The official reports from Bucharest take back nothing of the claims made by the Rumanians of a notable victory in the great battle last week in Dobrudja. The Rumanians and allies, it is declared, defeated heavy forces along the Danube end of the front, and then, while the rest of the line held fast, the allies broke the resistance of the Bulgarians, Germans and Turks near the Black sea and drove them back in disorder.

Greece apparently is on the verge of entering the war on the side of the entente. King Constantine is now reported to have consented to such action.

London, Sept. 27.—Between 3,000 and 4,000 prisoners were taken by the British in Monday's and Tuesday's fighting on the Somme front, according to a delayed portion of General Haig's report of Tuesday night, given out here today. "The battle continued violently during the day over the whole front between the Somme and Ancre rivers," the report says, "and our troops were successful everywhere, carrying out their attacks most brilliantly."

Combles, the pivotal point in the German line guarding the approach to Bapaume on the north and Peronne on the south of the Somme front, fell yesterday before the terrific attacks of the French and the British, the Germans fighting to the death or surrendering when there was no longer hope.

French and British troops swept in from three sides after their capture of Morval and Fricourt, broke through the German defense, overrun the town and carried all before them. This place with its marvelous subterranean passages and powerful fortifications had been caught in the grip of the allies, who, coming from the north and the south had already advanced far beyond it and cut off communication with the rear except a narrow strip, which was covered by the allied guns. At the end of the fighting, the town was filled with the bodies of Germans who had fallen fighting, the French official statement says.

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GLAD TO BE IN VERMONT

Vermont's Soldiers Returned To-day from Mexican Border

ARE QUARTERED AT FORT ETHAN ALLEN

Came in Three Train Sections After a Week's Trip

Burlington, Sept. 27.—The 1st Vermont infantry returned from Eagle Pass, Tex., this morning after being absent from Vermont for three months, and to-day the soldiers are occupying quarters at Fort Ethan Allen assigned to them by Col. Joseph T. Dickman, commanding officer of the 2d cavalry. The trip from Eagle Pass occupied a week and the men are all in good shape and glad to be back in the home state.

The first train reached the Burlington station at 2 o'clock this morning and was greeted by hundreds of people who had waited many hours for the arrival of the soldiers. The men traveled in tourist sleepers, in contrast to the day coaches in which they rode when leaving Vermont last June. The regiment traveled in three sections.

The muster of the troops from the federal service will occupy at least a week's time, during which the men will occupy the following quarters at Fort Ethan Allen: Officers' barracks; A and B companies, K troop barracks; C and D, L troop barracks; E and F, M troop barracks; K, L and M, machine gun barracks; Col. Ira L. Reeves and his staff will be quartered in one of the houses on officers' row. Capt. B. S. Hyland, Maj. Carpenter, Capt. E. W. Gibson, Lieut. Sheldon and Maj. Melville, who are the officers commanding the 100 unassigned recruits, have been occupying one of the houses on officers' row since the return of this detachment from Brattleboro on Aug. 31, that being the nearest point to Eagle Pass which they reached.

During the time that the regiment remains at Fort Ethan Allen, there will be a regular program of daily drills and the men not otherwise engaged will be busy with the following: The state National guard rifle team, which will compete in the national rifle matches at Jacksonville, Fla., beginning Oct. 29, will be picked at this time and sent to Jacksonville within a few days after the regiment is mustered out. Maj. Carpenter, who is one of the crack shots of the regiment, will probably command the team. Only one battalion has been able to get any target practice while at the border, so that the team will be considerably handicapped. The number of recruits to be mustered out of the regimental band and a review in honor of Gov. Charles W. Gates on Friday afternoon. The 160 unassigned recruits who have been languishing in camp all summer will be assigned to companies to-day.

As soon as the mustering out, which will be done by battalions, has been completed, the men will be sent to their homes by companies. The mustering out from the federal service causes the men to revert automatically to their former status as state militiamen and they are still subject to federal as well as state call. The process is practically giving the men a vacation from active duty until such time as they are needed again or until their enlistment term expires. The members of C company were discharged upon their arrival at the fort and are not subject to either state or federal call, without re-enlisting.

MORE TROOPS ARE ORDERED TO THE MEXICAN BORDER

New Hampshire Will Send Field Battery—Connecticut and New York Also Called Upon for Men.

Washington, Sept. 27.—National Guard organizations from New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York and 10 other states and the District of Columbia were ordered to the Mexican border to-day by the war department. On the arrival of these organizations, 10,000 of the guardsmen now on duty will be sent home. Battery A, field artillery, of New Hampshire, will go from that state.

GREAT BRITAIN RELENTS.

Withdraws Regulations on Cigar and Tobacco Importation. Washington, D. C., Sept. 27.—Great Britain has withdrawn the regulations for importation of cigars and tobacco, which the American growers had declared would ruin their business, and has authorized the imports on the basis of those of 1913, 1914 and 1915.

weakened morale of the German troops, who are declared in some instances "to have fled from their trenches, throwing away their rifles."

BULGARIANS WIN IMPORTANT BATTLE

Are Said to Have Forced Back the Serbian Army on the Western End of the Macedonian Front.

Sofia, via London, Sept. 27.—After ten days' heavy fighting between the Serbian and Bulgarian troops on the western end of the Macedonian front, the Bulgarians forced back their opponents and compelled them to retreat along the whole front, it was announced officially to-day.

Three successive French attacks near Florina were repulsed, and the French are said to have suffered great losses.

218 FRESHMEN AT STATE UNIVERSITY

Largest Class Ever Entering at Burlington—Girls Were Winners in High Standing List for Half Year, Announced To-day.

Burlington, Sept. 27.—The University of Vermont opened this morning with public exercises, including an address by President Benton. Two hundred and seventy-one entrance credits have been filed. Of this number 53 were unable to attend or failed to pass entrance examinations, leaving 218 qualified for admission. A few of these may not attend, but some others will be registered during the next week. This will be the largest entering class on record, last year's entrance class numbering 190.

It was announced to-day that the Mabel Nelson Jacobs cup presented annually to the fraternity having the highest standing had been awarded to the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. The high standing list was announced to-day for the last half year of 1915-16. Among those who received no mark below B were Norma M. Perkins of Waterbury, of the class of 1918 and Barbara S. Brown of Waterbury and Roberta E. Davis and Mildred C. Kimball of Northfield, of the class of 1919.

FEW UNIONS HAVE JOINED STRIKE IN NEW YORK

While Labor Leaders Said That Some of the 250,000 Workers Had Responded to the Call There Was Little Evidence of the Strike.

New York, Sept. 27.—A general strike of labor unions in sympathy with the striking street car men was supposed to be effective to-day and although the labor leaders claimed that some of the 250,000 workers had responded to the call, there was little evidence that the strike was in progress.

Private canvasses among labor unions reported that at least 22 failed to respond to the strike call this forenoon. Only one reported, received at police headquarters, was that 250 members of the painters' union refused to report for work.

THE BAPTIST POSITION.

Set Forth in Resolutions Adopted by Convention at Chester.

Chester, Sept. 27.—At the second day of the convention of the Vermont state Baptists here, at which 113 Baptist churches are represented, resolutions were adopted thanking the people of Chester and the Baptist church for hospitality and expressing in strong terms appreciation of the work of Superintendent W. A. Davison. Other resolutions also strongly approve of the work of the Anti-Saloon league; regret the increasing frequency of divorce and the increasing degradation of the Lord's day; favor the use of any public funds for sectarian schools; denounce Mormonism; affirm the abiding principles of the brotherhood of man; and, while appreciating the necessity of military preparedness, warn against the shallow principles of patriotism that find expression in the false doctrine of "my country, right or wrong," or "my country can do no wrong."

DEATHS FROM PARALYSIS.

One at Fair Haven and Another at Saxtons River.

Fair Haven, Sept. 27.—Marion, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Owens of this town, died yesterday after a week's illness with infantile paralysis. Besides her parents the child leaves one brother. The body was buried at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. This is the only case of the disease which has developed at Fair Haven this fall.

Bellows Falls, Sept. 27.—Health Officer J. S. Hill has received a report from the laboratory of hygiene at Burlington confirming the belief that Gwendolyn Clough, the two-and-a-half-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Clough of Saxtons River, who died Saturday, was a victim of infantile paralysis. The family moved to Saxtons River last Wednesday from Lisbon, N. H. This is the first death from the disease in southern Vermont.

DIED SUDDENLY ON BOAT.

Judson Reynolds Was Prominent Citizen of Alburgh.

Alburgh, Sept. 27.—Judson Reynolds, a prominent citizen of this place, died suddenly yesterday while crossing on the boat from here to Rouses Point. He was 61 years of age and his heart trouble is supposed to have caused his death. He left here apparently in good health, but collapsed suddenly on the boat. When Rouses Point was reached, a physician was hurriedly summoned, but Mr. Reynolds was dead when he arrived. He leaves a wife, nine children, and a sister. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the house, with burial in the Center cemetery.

FOUR RECRUITS IN TWO MONTHS.

Middlebury Recruiting Station Closes After Barren Work.

Middlebury, Sept. 27.—The recruiting station for the first Vermont regiment, V. N. G., which has been maintained here since July 25, was closed yesterday and the members of the first Vermont cavalry, who were in charge of the station, returned to Fort Ethan Allen, expecting to be mustered out in a few days. They are Lieut. R. C. Knowlton, Sergt. W. A. Upham, who has been absent a few days on a sick leave, Corp. J. T. Laughlin and Private J. D. Barker. In their two months' work here, they succeeded in recruiting just four persons who were accepted and taken into the service.

200 INMATES RESCUED.

When Home for Children and Aged Was Destroyed.

Quebec, Sept. 27.—Reaumont Home for Children and Aged Persons at Lausne was destroyed by fire early this morning with a loss of \$30,000. Two hundred inmates were rescued.

MANY HORSES DESTROYED

In Fire Which Destroyed a Livery and Garage at Newport

TENEMENT HOUSE ALSO DAMAGED

West Derby Hose Company Rendered Good Service

Newport, Sept. 27.—Fire which was discovered at 2 o'clock this morning in the barn owned by H. B. Stewart of Beebe, P. Q., and occupied as a livery stable by F. W. Wheeler, burned the barn and its contents, spread to a small garage building housing two automobiles and then to a three-story tenement building, the top floor of which it burned. The loss is \$10,000 and the insurance is small. Destroyed with the livery stable were 15 horses, several hogs and large quantities of hay and grain. Besides the fire loss on the top floor of the tenement house, known as the Drew building, water caused damage in the tenements on the second floor and also the men's furnishing store of W. J. Avery and the restaurant of Richard Hurst on the ground floor. Mr. Hurst owned one of the automobiles in the garage and Mr. Wheeler the other.

The origin of the fire is not known. When the flames were discovered the entire top of the livery stable was burning and it was not possible to save that structure. The Newport fire company was assisted by the West Derby hose company in checking the flames in the tenement building. The stable was located near the station and in the rear of the Newport house. Mr. Wheeler has conducted a livery stable here 20 years.

WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.

Charles E. Shepard Died in Marshfield To-day.

Marshfield, Sept. 27.—Charles E. Shepard, one of Marshfield's oldest and most highly respected citizens, passed away this morning about 6:30. He had been in poor health for several months, but was able to be out until within two or three weeks. Since then he had been rapidly falling from brain trouble. He was 79 years old last April and has spent most of his life in this town. He was a veteran of the Civil war, being a member of Co. C of the 13th Vermont regiment. Being a great lover of music, he taught singing schools for many years and was one of the original members of the band. He is thought to have been the oldest choir master, band member and leader and auctioneer in the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepard celebrated their 55th marriage anniversary last April. She and two children, B. M. Shepard, of Montpelier, and Mrs. G. F. Bliss of this place, are left to mourn his loss. He had a genial nature, with a smile and a pleasant word for everyone, traits which endeared him to all. He was very fond of children and will be greatly missed by young and old in the community.

The funeral services will be held from his late home Friday at 10 a. m. The friends request no flowers.

MANSFIELD WON OVER COLE BY 9,874

Secured Democratic Nomination for Governor of Massachusetts—A. B. Cook Won Republican Contest for Auditor.

Boston, Sept. 27.—Complete returns from yesterday's primaries showed Fredrick W. Mansfield had won the Democratic nomination for governor over former Adjt. Gen. Charles H. Cole by 9,874, while Alonzo B. Cook was renominated for state auditor in the only contest on the Republican ticket over Joseph P. Brown, by 16,158.

IN PROBATE COURT.

Many Matters Handled, Mostly Appointments.

In probate court at Montpelier to-day the will of Annabella MacDonald, late of Barre, was presented for probate. Dr. Don D. Grout of Waterbury was appointed administrator of William D. Hills of Duxbury in place of E. W. Huntley, deceased. Pearl B. Daniels of Warren settled his accounts as guardian for Ella Vinson. Myron R. Goodspeed settled the accounts of Ruth J. Hewitt as guardian for George W. Hewitt. John J. Sowles settled his accounts as administrator of the estate of Almon C. Downing, late of Barre. E. M. Harvey of Montpelier was appointed administrator of the estate of Sylvester R. Cummings, late of Montpelier, in place of Sarah H. Cummings. Ira D. Harlan was appointed administrator of the estate of Nancy Cummings, late of Berlin.

L. B. BROOKS NOMINATED.

Democrats of Montpelier Name Him for Representative.

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MILLAN JUMPED FROM THE TRAIN COMING NORTH

Former Barre Man Against Whom Judgment for \$67 Was Found in County Court Was Being Brought from Boston by Deputy Sheriff H. J. Slayton.

Returning from Boston, Mass., where he located Fred A. Millan, formerly of Barre, and against whom a verdict was rendered in county court Monday for \$67 in favor of Irvin J. Boyce, Deputy Sheriff H. J. Slayton discovered at Woodsville, N. H., early this morning that Millan, who had been surrendered by his bondsman following the verdict and the non-appearance of the defendant in court when the case was tried, had jumped from the train some time during the trip. The officer was unable to pursue an investigation and arrived in Montpelier at 7:30 o'clock.

It is said that Millan complained after leaving Boston of feeling ill, and the deputy sheriff's sympathy played an important part in the escape, the prisoner being given permission to go to a berth. The officer kept watch the remainder of the night and believes Millan must have jumped through a window when the train slowed down at some station.

The case against Millan was tried on Monday afternoon, the defendant not being represented by counsel, and the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff, who claimed damages as the result of an accident which occurred over a year ago near Montpelier Junction, when Millan's automobile ran into a team occupied by Mrs. Fred Lovely and Boyce. Mrs. Lovely won her civil suit at the last term of court. C. E. Lowe was Millan's bondsman in the sum of \$50.

4,000 PEOPLE ON FAIR GROUNDS AT NORTHELY

Second Day of the Fair Brought Large Number of People—Some Good Exhibits Shown.

Northeast, Sept. 27.—A sharp patter of rain this morning probably discouraged many people from attending the Dog River Valley fair to-day, but at noon there was a crowd of 4,000 on the grounds and more visitors were pouring through the gates in automobiles and teams. This is the second day of the fair and all of the exhibits entered are on display. The Vermont forestry department is making a fine showing and there is a splendid exhibit from the University of Vermont agricultural service. Evaporators and sugar making utensils are shown in great variety by a Richmond firm and an unusually good exhibit of cattle and poultry has attracted much attention. Judging of the several exhibits is under way and announcements were expected this afternoon and to-morrow.

An attractive racing card was in prospect for the afternoon, but the number of starters in several events had not been fully determined at noon.

A "KITCHEN QUARREL"

Is the Way One Attorney Characterized Case Coming from Barre.

Only the plaintiff and defendants in the case of Henrietta Gazzoni vs. Robert and Luigi Colombo testified in the case which was commenced yesterday afternoon in the Washington county court, it being a suit brought for personal trespass. The arguments were made this forenoon by Attorney R. A. Hoar for the plaintiff and H. S. Jackson for the defendants, and the jury retired before noon.

The jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff to recover \$115. The plaintiff testified that the defendants invaded her home last spring, a quarrel ensued, and ended in the Colombo assaulting her, pulling her hair and attacking her with a broom and stove poker. In his argument, Attorney Jackson characterized the affair as a kitchen quarrel and asked the jury to treat it as such. All of the parties involved reside in Barre. The jury which heard the case is as follows:

Alva Butler, Milton Glines, Charles Bullock, W. L. Stone, Guy M. Hale, Alvah Newhall, Robert Whalen, E. A. Lamphre, C. P. Scudling, Neil Tassie, J. R. Bingham and W. H. Hill.

The trial of Charles Barclay vs. Wetmore & Morse Granite Co. was started this afternoon before the following jury: W. H. Angell, J. P. Hutton, George H. Emery, C. C. Simonds, Walter Wells, Howard Curtis, George J. Long, W. E. Hayford, J. H. Small, J. F. Moloney, Edward Frost and J. B. Kendall.

Pursuant to an order issued last week by Judge Frank L. Fish on a motion made by State's Attorney Fred E. Gleason, the grand jury met in special session at 10 o'clock this forenoon at the courthouse and will consider several matters. The prosecuting officer was unable to say to-day how long the session would last.

GASOLINE FLAMED UP.

And Caused Excitement at 178 Barre Street, Montpelier.

A pail of gasoline caught fire in the sink of the house of E. F. Rae, 178 Barre street, Montpelier, just before noon to-day and a general alarm called the entire Montpelier fire department to the scene. Mrs. Rae had thrown a pail of water on the gasoline and that only seemed to make the firemen's job worse. But the firemen soon had the fire out and only slight damage was done.

COWS ON RAMPAGE.

Nason Parker of Brattleboro Gored; Judge Foote of Middlebury Dragged.

Brattleboro, Sept. 27.—Nason Parker, a well known West Brattleboro farmer, is in a critical condition in the Melrose hospital from injuries received from being gored by a cow yesterday afternoon. His abdomen was ripped open. Little hope of his recovery is entertained. Middlebury, Sept. 27.—Judge Fred M. Foote, while trying to lead his cow, was dragged about the lot when the animal became frightened. He finally landed in a barbed wire fence and was severely cut about the face, but the judge kept his grip and conquered the animal.

DR. J. A. WARK CITY DOCTOR

Appointed Last Night to Succeed Dr. P. S. Duffy, Who Has Left City

R. D. CARPENTER OUT AS REGULAR FIREMAN

His Resignation Accepted—Many Routine Matters Attended To

One resignation accepted and a motion of an appointment by the city council in the week's accumulation of business which the aldermen transacted at their regular meeting last night. Following the departure of Dr. P. S. Duffy, now located in New York City, the office of city physician was declared vacant in lieu of an official resignation. On the mayor's appointment of Dr. Joseph A. Wark, the aldermen confirmed the nomination last evening by the vote of 4 to 2. The appointee will accept the office and assume the duties at once. As Dr. Wark enters officialdom, R. D. Carpenter, second assistant engineer of the fire department and for several years a regular fireman, goes out, his resignation having been accepted on the motion of Alderman Bruce and seconded by Alderman Reynolds.

Mayor Gordon missed the first session in his administration, his absence being due to illness, but his nomination of Dr. Wark was made in the form of the customary communication and balloting proceeded as usual. The new city physician is a graduate of the medical department of the University of Vermont, has seen considerable experience in metropolitan hospitals, and enjoys an excellent professional reputation as one of the young practitioners in Barre.

Fireman Carpenter's resignation carried with it the request that he be retained as second assistant engineer and in the event of the request being granted, that he be permitted to enroll as a call fireman. Action on the requests was deferred. The resignation becomes effective this evening at 6 o'clock. Criticism of the practice of resigning on short notice was heard before the aldermen turned to other matters, but in the case of Mr. Carpenter it was explained that the fire committee was aware of his intention some little time ago.

An alert street committee gathered upon the loose ends of departmental business by filing a number of reports, favorable action being taken in the following matters: Moser Deep request for permission to extend building, Deep abandons plans temporarily; Summer street surface water, three receivers authorized; Beckley street sidewalk, refilled where washouts occurred; protest of K. A. Lane, committee holds that no warrant widening the roadway; low hanging boughs under the roadway; not warrant widening of wherever necessary; Blackwell street walk and roadway, repaired; Nelson street walk, curb set and walk constructed; abandoned Church street school sign, transferred to proper location in Mathewson school vicinity; Cleveland avenue sewer, engineer estimates cost of extension at \$390 and committee recommends that necessary steps be taken to complete work.

Mrs. R. Brogini appeared to reiterate her grievance over the alleged narrow condition of Sixth street. When the street committee reported that conditions of travel on that thoroughfare do not warrant an extension, it was suggested that stone chips be used to fill in a gully in the narrow district and the report was returned to the committee for consideration.

Chief Simard came through with a report on doings in the police department. In one month there were 35 arrests on the following allegations: Intoxication 28, breach of the peace 2, operating auto carelessly 2, operating auto without lights 1, operating auto while intoxicated 1, begging 1. The report was for the month of June.

Mrs. C. E. Bolster asked permission, through the building inspector, to reshingle a stonished off Depot square and a brick house on North Main street, but the inspector stood out for fireproof roofing and explained that both buildings are in congested sections when queried by the aldermen. The inspector's recommendations are to be followed if the buildings are re-roofed. John Kennedy, were granted as follows: John Kennedy, to erect a greenhouse on Summer street; Mrs. R. E. Walker, to build a garage on Abbott avenue; Charles R. Ord, to build a barn annex on Cherry street; Alex Wilson, to build a house annex at 134 River street; Mrs. Ida Pearsons, to reshingle a roof on Elm street.

Writing permits were assigned to the following applicants, favorable recommendations having been made by the inspectors: Harrison Granite Co., engine operator; Harrison Granite Co., engine operator; E. R. Davis, office lights; Homer Fitts Co., showcase lights; L. E. Parker, house lights; A. H. Buzzell, hotel lights; Joseph Ladrie and G. E. Bond, garage lights; C. W. Averill, house lights; Joseph Gaptis, house lights; M. A. B. L. & P. Co., to install 17 domestic meters.

A resolution appropriating \$100 for land drainage in the proposed Pike street work was read a second time and adopted. The mayor was authorized to sign a bond indemnifying the state against expenses accruing from the treatment of a Barre child in the Austine institute at Brattleboro, with the usual provision that the parents of the youngster furnish a bond for the city.

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